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Trees
required to
be left in the
riparian area are
cruised to help
determine the
easement value.

Forestry Riparian Easement Program

**A Landowner
Compensation Program
to Protect Riparian
Habitat**

Apply
online today



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Request an application
by phone or email:
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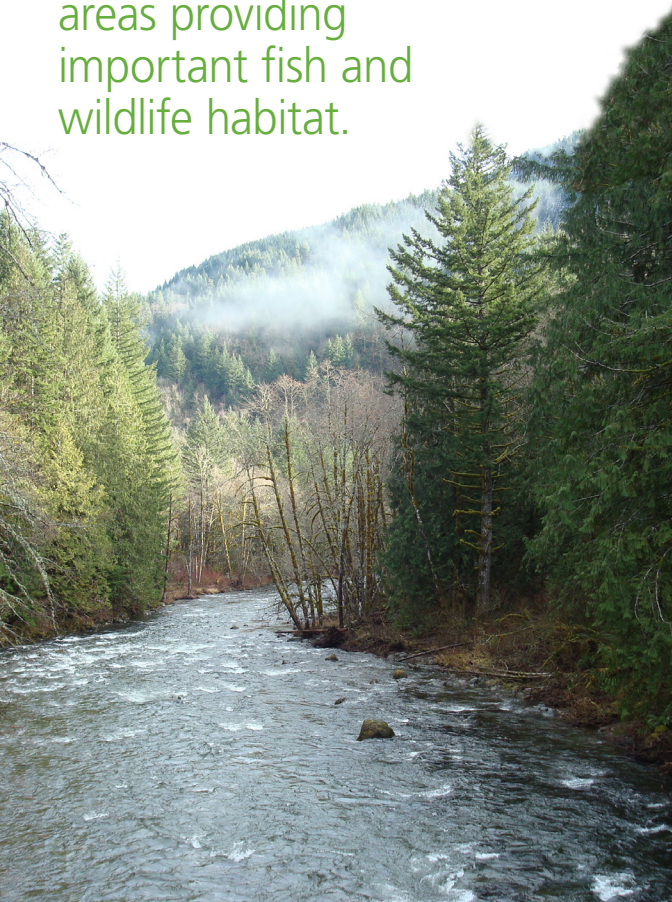


TREES LEFT AFTER A HARVEST HAVE VALUE

The Forestry Riparian Easement Program (FREP) provides compensation for trees required to be left next to streams, wetlands, seeps, or adjacent unstable slopes.

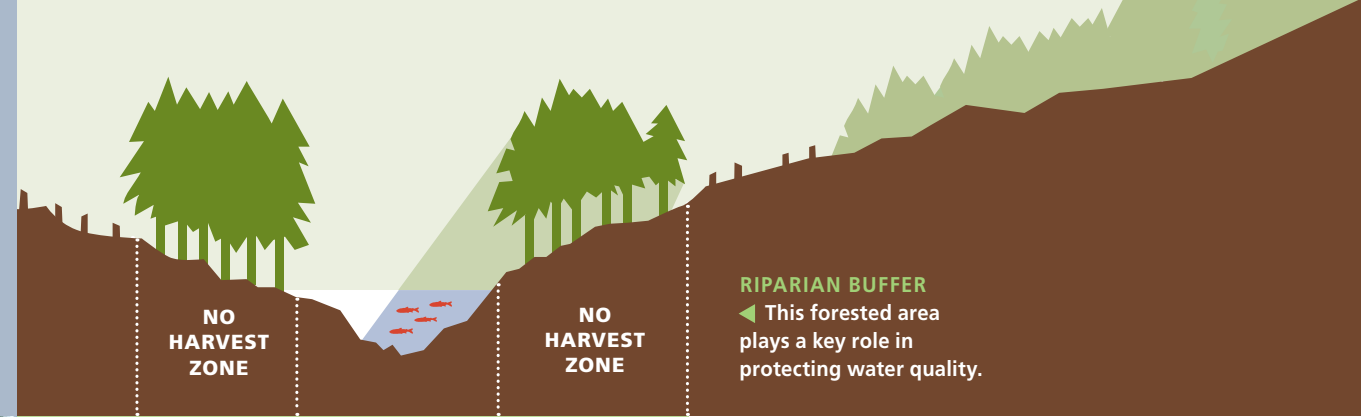
FREP is a voluntary program that reimburses eligible landowners for a minimum of 50 percent of the value of the trees they must, by law, leave to protect riparian habitat.

 This program
protects riparian
areas providing
important fish and
wildlife habitat.



“The Forestry Riparian Easement Program was a carefully considered option that allowed us flexibility in managing our tree farm riparian areas. We have two streams, and a commitment to the long-term health of the forest. We were comfortable with the program and the quality of work done by DNR.”

LACIE &
LARRY ABEL
Small forest
landowners



Who's eligible for the program?

YOU MAY QUALIFY IF YOU:

are an eligible small forest landowner,

and

are an individual, partnership, corporation, or other nongovernmental for-profit legal entity

and

own either a parcel larger than 20 contiguous acres or more than 80 forested acres in Washington State,

and

have completed a harvest and left a buffer of trees next to a stream, river, wetland, lake, pond, or adjacent unstable slopes.

How does the program work?

- 1 Submit a Forest Practices Application before the harvest begins.
- 2 Complete harvest.
- 3 Contact the FREP Program Specialist to see if you are eligible:
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- 4 Submit FREP Application.



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- 5 DNR estimates the value of the easement based on the value of the trees left in the riparian buffer.
- 6 When funding becomes available, the acquisition process begins.
- 7 Compensation is paid in one lump sum, and a 50-year easement is placed on your land title.

